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HAYES ELECTED.
LOUISIANA FOR HIM AT LAST.

As we go to press we learn from the *Chattanooga Times* that Hayes carried Louisiana by 3,500 votes. That gives Hayes 183 votes and Tilden 184—Hayes' majority in the Electoral College 1.

Randall the newly elected Speaker of House of Bulldozers in Congress is one of the "notorious Salary Grab thieves" we have read so much about in the Democratic papers.

It was State Constables that ejected the illegal members of South Carolina Legislature. Of course Grant was to blame for it all. Why not?

Dade County Florida, has been heard from at last. It gives Hayes 9 votes, and Tilden 5—total 14 votes. That makes Hayes' majority in the State 42, without throwing out a single fraudulent vote.

If Tilden is put in the White House it will be by perjury and ballot box stuffing. That's the game.

The Knoxville Daily Bulldozer says Grant is a "coward." Let that editor try Grant once and see if he is a "coward."

The Democracy robbed Hon. Jas. H. Platt of his seat in Congress and gave it to one Jas. Goode. Now they are brazen enough to lecture the American people about "Frauds."

Let the strong arm of the Government apply the rope to the ballot box stuffers and perjurers over the whole country, then there will be fair elections and no bulldozing. Hang them so high that the buzzards can't find them.

War! War! That's what a few of the Bulldozers say there will be if Tilden is not inaugurated. Meanwhile we would just say to the country to "keep cool." Grant is President—not James Buchanan this time.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
This State has gone for Hayes and Wheeler on the face of the returns giving Democracy all its claims. The majorities for the Republican Electors range from 230 to 1,000. So much is the conceded and consequently the question of Presidential affairs is not mixed in the present muddle in that State.

But when we come to local affairs the certainty is not there. With an honest and free vote we doubt not that Gov. Chamberlain would have been reelected by a large majority and that the Legislature would have been largely Republican. The action of the Supreme Court was manifestly partizan and there was nothing worthy of judicial honor in their course. They manifested a disposition to assist Democracy by any means fair or foul. But they are the representations of the law of the State and as such their orders and decisions should not be overruled as they were by the Board of Canvassers. There is no doubt that the two Counties Edgefield and Laurens which the Board threw out were carried for Democracy by the grossest fraud and intimidation, but their throwing them out was just contrary to the direction of the highest authority in the State and was thus wrong. It is far better to suffer injustice than to throw aside judicial decisions and set the Courts at naught. When men take the law from the hands of those whose sworn duty it is to execute the law and proceed to act at variance with Court demands, the result can only be division and anarchy, and any government. The Board were too fast. Too much of this strife, too much of his dare-devil, don't-care way of conducting affairs, with no regard for law and the rights of individuals, is one of the evils the South labors under. South Carolina has sown in the past and she must reap. The last campaign has been one of provable fraud and rapine. It was inaugurated at Hamburg and fought out on that line. We are glad to know that the Hayes Electors have clear majorities without throwing out a single fraudulent vote, so Democracy are bound to accept it.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
Illegal Members Put out of the Hall of Representatives by one Hundred State Constables.

Great Excitement in Columbia
Grant to Hewitt.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 4.—Soon after the dual Houses being called to order, Speaker Wallace announced that as there were one hundred constables in the State House to eject the Democratic members, and as he feared such a movement would be resisted, he adjourned the legally elected House to meet at Carolina Hall. The Democrats in a body withdrew to Carolina Hall, where they are now in secret session. The Republicans then went into secret session in the State House. The town is full of people. Great excitement prevails.

Not His Province.
The Post's Washington dispatch says there is no truth whatever in the story that President Grant, in an interview with Hewitt, yesterday, said that there had been no fair election in Louisiana, and the vote should be thrown out. The Post itself says, in reply to an inquiry about this report from this office: Mr. Hewitt telegraphs as follows:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The President stated that it was not his province to decide whether the elections in the States had been fair or not, but assuming that Congress should throw out the electoral votes of Louisiana in consequence of fraud in the returns, we discussed the effect of such action on the final result, and when it would necessarily throw the election of President into the House of Representatives and of Vice President into the Senate. [Signed.]
ABRAHAM S. HEWITT.

A FALSEHOOD EXPOSED.
Gen. Ruger denies the Bulldozer's statements.

He never interfered in the organization of the South Carolina Legislature.

Ruger's letter to Sherman.

"General W. T. Sherman, or the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:—I have carefully abstained from interference with that organization of the House from the first.

"On the application of the Governor and my own belief for the necessity therefore for the preservation of the peace I placed troops in the State House, but not in the room of Assembly or either of the Houses, on the day of the meeting.

"It came about for a time that soldiers were placed on either side of the door of entrance to the Hall of representatives under the following circumstances: A person at the door of the House, and claimed authority to examine certificates of those claiming to be members prior to their admission to the Hall, but who I think had no legal authority for so doing, applied to the officer in command of the troops placed in the corridor for the preservation of peace for assistance on the ground that he was being pressed upon and could not perform his duty.

"The soldiers were placed as stated. As soon as I was informed of the circumstances, I ordered the soldiers withdrawn and I had previously informed Governor or Chamberlain that I should confine my action to the preservation of the peace, and should do nothing with reference to keeping the doors of the rooms of the meeting of the Houses or the rooms themselves, unless it became necessary because of a breach of the peace which the civil officers of the Houses should be unable to restore. No act was done by the soldiers except that of their presence as stated, but whilst they were so present persons claiming the right of entrance under the certificate of the Clerk of the Supreme Court were refused admission.

Tros. H. Ruess,
Commanding Dep't."

The Bulldozers having failed in carrying the election with the point of pistol and shot gun are now crying "point of bayonet." If our recollection serves us right the Democracy received an over dose of "Bayonets" about thirteen years ago. They will hardly wish to try it again.

Ex-Gov. Palmer of Illinois, Gen. Smith of Wisconsin and Hon. Lyman Trumbull, all Democrats arose to their feet before the Louisiana Returning Board and denounced the atrocities perpetrated by the Democrats in that State. They said they had been deceived by the Southern Bulldozers—that they had thought the stories of the Republicans all lies, but from this on they would know the truth.

CONGRESS.
SENATE ADMITS THE NEW SENATORS FROM COLORADO.

HOUSE REFUSES TO ADMIT THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN FROM COLORADO.

IT ELECTS THE NOTORIOUS SALARY GRABBER RANDALL AS SPEAKER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Senate met at noon, Mr. Blaine, of Maine, Messrs. Chaffee and Teller, the Senators from Colorado, and Price, the new Senator from West Virginia, vice Caperton, deceased, were sworn in. The Senators from Colorado drew for their respective terms, when Mr. Chaffee secured the long term, ending March 4th, 1876, and Mr. Teller the short term, ending March 4th, 1877.

Committees were appointed to notify the President and House of Representatives that the Senate was ready for business, and at 12:30 a recess for three quarters of an hour was taken.

The Senate discussed the situation, but deferred action until the electoral vote of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana is decided.

The House was called to order by Chief Clerk Adams, who made a motion to elect a Speaker. Banks appealed from the decision of the Clerk that a Speaker should be elected before the new members were sworn in. A vote is progressing on a motion to table the appeal.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—SENATE.—After the usual formalities, Edmunds offered a resolution which was laid on the table, and ordered printed, setting forth that, whereas, the Constitution provided for the method of electing Representatives to Congress, and recites who are entitled to vote for such Representatives, and, whereas, it is alleged that in the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, the rights of many such persons were denied and abridged during the late election, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be authorized to inquire whether such rights were denied and abridged and if so, to what extent, and who have been affected by such denial and what abridgement has been carried on; also that said committee inquire into the fact whether any Presidential electors in the late election were disqualified and whether any of them have been interfered with in their rights and qualifications, and whether there is any constitutional remedy therefor; that said committee employ clerks and stenographers, and be empowered to take testimony and administer oaths.

Adjourned.

House.—Two hundred and forty members answered to roll call. The election of Speaker proceeded all other business. Randall addressed the House, thanking the members for the honor conferred, and calling attention to the post on account of the death of Speaker Kerr, to whom he paid a high eulogy for the purity of his public and private life. No one could appreciate more than he (Randall) did, the great honor of being called upon to preside over the deliberations of the representatives of the American people, and in the discharge of his duties, he should endeavor to be absolutely fair and impartial, and while upholding all the rules of the House, he should protect each and every member in his individual rights. The House stands now in the presence of events which, in the last degree, demand the most careful consideration of every officer of the government, and he expressed the hope that the representatives of the people would act only with a keen sense of right, so as to carry out the just expectation of the people, and to enforce the right.

The credentials of C. W. Butts, of South Carolina, were presented. Mr. Morrison objected, and they were laid over. Banks presented the credentials of Jas. B. Belford, of Colorado, Springer objected, and moved that the certificate be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with instructions to ascertain and report if Colorado is a State of the Union, and whether the person presenting the credentials were elected a member of the House. Banks proceeded to address the House in favor of the admission of Belford. The credentials of Belford were referred to the Judiciary Committee. The committee to go to South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, were ordered, six to Florida, nine to South Carolina and nine to Louisiana. Adjourned.

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